

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **POSITION**

National Endowment for the Humanities Professor of Anthropology, Africana Studies  
and American Studies  
Director, Institute for Historical Biology

### **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy, Anthropology, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 1985  
Master of Arts, Anthropology, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 1980  
Visitor, Department of Biological Anthropology, University of Oxford, UK, 1980  
Life-Events Instrument Training, Bedford College, University of London, UK, 1980  
Bachelor of Arts, College of Liberal Arts, Howard University, 1978

### **PREVIOUS ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH POSITIONS**

Director (2010) and Co-Director (2012-2014), Remembering Slavery, Resistance, and  
Freedom Project, a partnership of the Virginia General Assembly, Virginia Foundation  
for the Humanities, and the College of William and Mary.  
Scientific Director, New York African Burial Ground Project, Howard University, 1992-  
2009.  
Adjunct Professor, Department of Anatomy, College of Medicine, Howard University,  
1991-2001

Professor of Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University, 1997-2001  
Curator of the W. Montague Cobb Human Skeletal Collection, Howard University, 1989-2001

Visiting Professor of Anthropology, Brown University, 2000

Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Institute for Research in African American Studies, Columbia University, 1997

Associate Professor and Graduate Associate Professor of Anthropology and Adjunct Associate Professor of Anatomy, Howard University, 1989-1997

Research Associate in Physical Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, 1985-1994

Lecturer, Institute for Policy Studies, Washington School, 1990-1991

Visiting Associate Professor of Anthropology, Dipartimento Di Biologia Animale E Dell'Umo, "La Sapienza," Universita Di Roma, 1990

Visiting Associate Professor of Anthropology, Spelman College, 1989

Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Anatomy, Howard University, 1985-1989

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Delaware State College, 1982

Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 1981

Teaching Assistant, WEB DuBois Department of African American Studies, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 1979-1980

## **HONORS AND SERVICE**

Co-Chair (with Deborah Thomas, University of Pennsylvania), Commission on the Ethical Treatment of Human Remains, American Anthropological Association (2022-2024)

Plumeri Award for Faculty Excellence (\$20,000), William & Mary (2021)

Legacy Award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award, Association of Black Anthropologists (2021)

Recipient, President's Award, American Anthropological Association, "for work on the Lower Manhattan African Burial Ground and Advocacy for decolonizing the Anthropological Canon," presented at the Annual Meeting, Baltimore (2021).

Task Force on Structural Racism, American Association for Anatomy (2021-)

American Association of Biological Anthropology Task Force for the Ethical Study of Human Materials (2021-)

Discussant, Survey on Curriculum Scope for AP African American Studies, AP Higher Education, The College Board (2021).

The History Makers, Library of Congress accession (2013)

Consultant, the Kontos Well Project, Virginia Commonwealth University (2013-2015).

Recipient, Prize for Distinguished Achievement in the Critical Study of North America, Society for the Anthropology of North America, American Anthropological Association (2012).

Recipient, African American Trailblazers in Virginia History, Library of Virginia (2012)

Member, External Review Committee for Department of Anthropology, American University (2011).

Member, External Review Committee for Department of Anthropology, St. Mary's College (2010).

Member, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Lincoln Sub-Committee 2010-2014.

Recipient, The Africana Studies Distinguished Public Scholar Lifetime Achievement Award, Indiana University/Purdue University, Indianapolis (2009).

Recipient, Centennial Medal, Graduate School of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2008).

Member, Scholarly Advisory Committee, National Museum of African American History and Culture, Smithsonian Institution, 2005-present.

Recipient, Elija Muhammad Human Rights Award, African Scientific Research Institute, Chicago (2005).

Presenter, Benjamin Mayes Lecturer, Morehouse College, Atlanta (2005).

Recipient, Certificate of Appreciation, Governor's School for Science and Technology, Hampton Rhodes, Virginia (2002-2003).

Member, American Antiquarian Society, 2001-present.

Recipient, Enlightenment Award, American Slaves Foundation, Washington, DC, 2000

The United States Representative to the Council of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Archaeological Congress, Cape Town, 1999

Member, Advisory Panel, African Voices Project/Africa Hall Exhibition, Smithsonian Institution, 1995-1999

Member, Commission to Review the Organizational Structure of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), 1997-1998

Advisor, AAA Statement on Race and 2000 Census, 1998

Recipient, Human Rights Award, Lift Every Voice, Inc., Hollywood, 1998

Permanent Representative to Washington, DC, African Bureau of Educational Sciences, Organization of African Unity, Kinshasa and Geneva, 1996

Recipient, Black History Makers of Today, McDonald's Family Restaurants, 1997

Recipient, Service Award, Blacks In Government, Navy Metro Chapter, Washington, 1996

Member, Committee to Revise the UNESCO Statement on Race, American Association of Physical Anthropologists, 1994-1996

Conferee, Doctor of Science (hon.), York College, City University of New York, 1995

Recipient, International Triple C Award for Education, Caribbean Americas Business Network, 1994

Recipient, Legacy Award, New Horizons Award, and Interdisciplinary Cooperation

Recipient, Commendation, Division of Academic Affairs, Howard University, 1994

Member, Panel on The Human Genome Diversity Project, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Rockefeller Institute, New York, 1993

Member, Panel on Political-Economic Approaches to Biological Anthropology, Wenner-Gren Foundation, Cabo San Lucas, 1992

Member, Executive Council of the Society for Medical Anthropology, AAA, 1989-1992

Chairman, Taskforce on Graduate African American Studies, Howard University, 1990-1991

Member, Panel on Disorders of Industrial Societies, AAA and Wenner-Gren Foundation, 1988-1991

Member, Commission on the Treatment of Human Remains, 1989-1990, AAA  
Coordinator of the Anthropology Program, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,  
Howard University, 1987-1989  
President, Association of Black Anthropologists, American Anthropological Association,  
1987-1989.  
Member, Committee to Revise the Principles of Professional Responsibility and Code of  
Ethics, AAA, 1987-1988  
Honorary Member, Golden Key National Honor Society, 1988  
Member, Committee on the Status of Minorities, AAA, 1987-1990

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Anthropological Reflections of the African Diaspora  
Introduction to Biological Anthropology  
Biology and Culture  
Biocultural Anthropology  
Human Skeletal Biology  
Bioarchaeology and the African Diaspora  
Medical Anthropology  
The Construction of Racial Ideology in the US  
Race, Biology, and Culture  
The Idea of Race  
Senior Seminar in Bioarchaeology  
Honors Seminar in Evolutionary Anthropology  
Biological Anthropology  
Anthropological Reflections of the African Diaspora

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Co-Principal Investigator, technical services in skeletal biology and descendant  
community advisement at (1) Jamestown (with Joseph Jones, PI) through an NPS grant to  
IHB of \$106,000 through May 2022.  
Principal Investigator, technical services in skeletal biology and descendant community  
engagement for the excavation of the First Baptist Church on Nassau Street, Colonial  
Williamsburg, \$ 44,155 for the period Jan. 22, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2021.  
Collaborator, The IHB is a collaborator on the University's NAGPRA inventory  
reconciliation project with Ashley Spivey (PI), Department of Anthropology (now in the  
final months of its \$89,882 funding for the period of Sept. 1, 2019 through Sept. 30,  
2021).  
Remembering Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom project \$31,000 from W&M, VA  
General Assembly, and Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (2010-2013).  
Guana Project contract \$6,400, Colonial Williamsburg project \$6,300.  
Principal Investigator, African Burial Ground Project, sub-contract of IHB with Howard  
University, USGSA \$80,000 (2003-4)  
Director, Institute for Historical Biology, College of William and Mary (funded by the  
College of Arts and Sciences, William & Mary, annually \$37,500.

Principal Investigator, New York African Burial Ground Project, Howard University (funded by USGSA \$5,900,000), 1993-2001  
Principal Investigator, Cobb Collection Curation Project: Phase II, Howard University (funded by the National Science Foundation \$177,000) 1992-1995  
Principal Investigator, Nutritional Stress, Maturation, and Size in the Cobb Collection (Howard University-Sponsored Faculty Research Grants \$7,000), 1991  
Principal Investigator, Cobb Collection Curation (Howard University-Sponsored Faculty Research Grants \$10,000), 1987-1988  
Minority Graduate Student Fellow, National Science Foundation, 1979-1982

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Monograph**

In-preparation:

*Beyond the Blinding Light of Race: race and racism in western science and society* (submitted to multiple editors in 2022), 1,400 pages.

### **Refereed Articles**

In-progress:

Blakey, ML 2021. (invited) "Objectivity and Objectification." Anthropology Now.  
Blakey, ML 2021. (invited, submitted) "The Blinding Light of Race and the Nature Politic" In (Rana, Pierre and Beliso-de Jesus) Anthropology of White Supremacy. Princeton University Press.  
Blakey, ML 2021. (invited, submitted) "Epistemology, Ethics, and Power" National Trust for Historic Preservation.

In-print:

Sumner, D. Rick, Hildebrandt, Sabine, Nesbitt, Allison, Carroll, Melissa, Smocovitis, Vassiliki, Laitman, Jeffrey, Beresheim, Amy, Ramnanan, Christopher, and Blakey, Michael 2022 "Racism, Structural Racism and the American Association for Anatomy," Anatomical Record 305:772-787.  
Blakey, ML and Rachel Watkins 2021 "William Montague Cobb at the Origins of Activist and Biocultural Anthropology." Special Issue, Anatomical Record (November) 1-11.  
Blakey, ML 2021. "Remembering Leith." Transforming Anthropology 29 (2) 95-101.  
Blakey, ML 2020a. "The Fire this Time?" Anthropology Now. 13(3) 39-49.  
Blakey, ML 2020b. "Understanding Racism in Physical (Biological) Anthropology." American Journal of Physical Anthropology (November) 1-10.  
Blakey, ML 2020c. "Archaeology Under the Blinding Light of Race," Current Anthropology 61, supplement 22, S183- S197.

- Blakey, ML 2020d. "On the Biodeterministic Imagination," Archaeological Dialogues, Cambridge University Press. 27 (1) 1-16.
- Blakey, ML and Rankin-Hill, Lesley. 2016. Political Economy of African Forced Migration and Enslavement in Colonial New York: an historical biology perspective, in D Martin and M Zuckerman (eds) Biocultural Anthropology. New York: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Blakey, ML 2014. L'African Burial Ground de New York: d'un secret national a un monument national. Archeologie de l'esclavage colonial. La Decouverte, Paris. 319-346.
- Barrett, AR, and Blakey, ML 2011. Life Histories of Enslaved Africans in Colonial New York: a Bioarchaeological Study of the New York African Burial Ground, In (Sabrina C Agrawal and Bonnie A Glencross, eds) Social Bioarchaeology. Chichester, UK: Wiley-Blackwell. 212-251.
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- Armelagos, GJ, Goodman, AH, Harper, KN, and Blakey, ML 2009. Enamel Hypoplasia and Early Mortality: Bioarchaeological Support for the Barker Hypothesis. Evolutionary Anthropology 18:261-217.
- Blakey, ML, Mack, ME, Shujaa, KJ, and Watkins, R 2009. Laboratory Organization, Methods, and Processes. In (Blakey, Michael L and Rankin-Hill, Lesley M) The New York African Burial Ground: Unearthing the African Presence in Colonial New York, Volume 1: Skeletal Biology of the New York African Burial Ground, Washington, DC: Howard University Press. 1:49-69.
- Jackson, FLC, Mayes, A, Mack, ME, Froment, A, Keita, SOY, Kittles, RA, George, M, Shujaa, KJ, Blakey, ML, and Rankin-Hill, LM 2009. Origins of the New York African Burial Ground Population: Biological Evidence of Geographical and Macroethnic Affiliations Using Craniometrics, Dental Morphology, and Preliminary Genetic Analyses In (Blakey, ML and Rankin-Hill, LM, eds). 69-92.
- Goodman, AH, Jones, J, Reid, J, Mack, ME, Blakey, ML, Amarasiriwardena, D, Burton, P, and Coleman, D. 2009. Isotopic and Elemental Chemistry of Teeth: Implications for Places of Birth, Forced Migration Patterns, Nutritional Status, and Pollution. In (Blakey, ML and Rankin-Hill, LM, eds). 95-118.
- Rankin-Hill, LM and Blakey, ML, Howson JE, Wilson, SD, Brown, E, Carrington, SHH, and Shujaa, KJ. 2009. Demographic Overview of the African Burial Ground and Colonial Africans in New York. In (Blakey, ML and Rankin-Hill, LM, eds). 119-142.
- Blakey, ML, Mack, ME, Barrett, AR, Mahoney, SS, and Goodman, AH 2009. Childhood Health and Dental Development. In (Blakey, ML and Rankin-Hill, LM, eds). 143-156.
- Mack, ME, Goodman, AH, Blakey, ML, and Mayes, A 2009. Odontological Indicators of Disease, Diet, and Nutrition Inadequacy. In (Blakey, ML, and Rankin-Hill, LM, eds). 157-168.
- Null, CC, Blakey, ML, Shujaa, KJ, Rankin-Hill, LM, and Carrington, SHH 2009 Osteological Indicators of Infectious Disease and Nutritional Indadequacy. In (Blakey, ML and Rankin-Hill, LM, eds). 169-198.
- Wilczak, C, Watkins, R, Null, CC, and Blakey, ML 2009 Skeletal Indicators of Work: Musculoskeletal, Arthritic and Traumatic Effects. In (Blakey, ML and Rankin-Hill, LM, eds). 199-227.

- Blakey, ML, Rankin-Hill, LM, Howson, JE, Carrington, SHH 2009 The Political Economy of Forced Migration: Sex Ratios, Mortality, Population Growth, and Fertility among Africans in Colonial New York. In (Blakey, ML, and Rankin-Hill, LM, eds). 255-259.
- Blakey, ML 2008 An Ethical Epistemology of Engaged Biocultural Research, In (Junko Habu, Clare Fawcett, and John Masunaga, eds) Evaluating Multiple Narratives: Beyond Nationalist, Colonialist, Imperialist Archaeologies. New York: Springer. 17-28. Reprinted (2010) in R. Preucel and S. Mrozowski (eds) Contemporary Archaeology in Theory: The New Pragmatism. London: Blackwell Pub.
- Blakey, ML, and Barrett, A. 2004. Analysis of Two Human Skeletons from Smith's Fort. Bermuda Journal of Archaeology and Maritime History 15:48-69.
- Mack, ME, and Blakey, ML. 2004. The New York African Burial Ground Project: Past Biases, Current Dilemmas, and Future Research Opportunities. Historical Archaeology 38:10-17.
- Blakey, ML. 2001. Bioarchaeology of the African Diaspora in the Americas: its origins and scope, Annual Review of Anthropology 30:387-422.
- Blakey, ML. 2001. The Study of New York's African Burial Ground: biocultural and engaged. In (SS Walker, ed) African Roots/American Cultures: Africa in the Creation of the Americas. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield Pubs. 222-231.
- Blakey, ML. 1999. Scientific Racism and the Biological Concept of Race, Literature and Psychology 45:29-43.
- Rankin-Hill, LM and Blakey, ML . 1999. W. Montague Cobb: physical anthropologist, anatomist and activist (reprinted from American Anthropologist) In (IE Harrison and FV Harrison, eds) African American Pioneers in Anthropology. Urbana: University of Illinois Press. 101-136.
- Blakey, ML. 1998a. The New York African Burial Ground Project: an examination of enslaved lives, a construction of ancestral ties. Transforming Anthropology. 7:53-58.
- Blakey, ML.  
1998b. Beyond European Enlightenment: toward a critical and humanistic human biology. In (AH Goodman and TL Leatherman, eds) Building a New Biocultural Synthesis: political-economic perspectives in human biology. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. 379-406.
- Perry, W and Blakey, ML. 1997. Archaeology as Community Service: the African Burial Ground Project in New York City. North American Dialogue 2(1) (reprinted as chapter 9 of Lessons from the Past: an introductory reader in archaeology by KL Feder. 45-51).
- La Roche, CJ and Blakey, ML. 1997. Seizing Intellectual Power: The dialogue at the New York African Burial Ground. Historical Archaeology 31:84-106
- Blakey, ML, Jenkins, S, Jemison, D, and Leslie, TE. 1997. Dental Indicators of Fetal and Childhood Health in 19<sup>th</sup> Century African Americans. In (LR Sloan and BJ Starr, eds) Pathways to Success. Washington, DC: Howard University Press. 177-194
- Blakey, ML. 1997. W. Montague Cobb (1904-1990). In (F Spencer, ed) History of Physical Anthropology: an encyclopedia. New York: Garland Pub. 288-289.
- Blakey, ML and Armelagos, GJ. 1997. Comment on "Hypoplastic area method for analyzing enamel hypoplasia. American Journal of Physical Anthropology 102:295-296.

- Blakey, ML. 1996. Anthropological 'Objectivity' and the Denial of History. In (JA Ladner and S Gbadegesin, eds) Ethics, Higher Education and Social Responsibility. Washington, DC: Howard University Press. 99-106.
- Blakey, ML. 1996. Race, Nationalism, and the Afrocentric Past. In (P Schmidt and T Patterson, eds) Making Alternative Histories. Santa Fe: School of American Research Press. 213-228.
- Blakey, ML. 1996. Skull Doctors Revisited. In (L. Reynolds and L. Lieberman, eds) Race and Other Misadventures: essays in honor of Ashley Montagu in His Ninetieth Year. New York: General Hall, Inc. 64-95.
- Blakey, ML, Leslie, TE, and Reidy, JP. 1994. Frequency and Chronological Distribution of Dental Enamel Hypoplasia in Enslaved African Americans: a test of the weaning hypothesis. American Journal of Physical Anthropology 95:371-384.
- Blakey, ML. 1994. Passing the Buck: nationalism and individualism as anthropological expressions of Euro-American denial. In (S Gregory and R Sanjek, ed) Race. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press. 270-284.
- Blakey, ML. 1994. Psychophysiological Stress as an Indicator of Disorder in Industrial Society: a critical theoretical formulation for biocultural research. In (S Forman, ed) Diagnosing America: anthropology and public engagement. Ann Arbor. University of Michigan Press. 149-192.
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- Vargiu, R, Coppa, A, and Blakey, ML. 1993. L'ipoplasia dello Smalto dei Denti nelle Necropoli di Campli (Teramo) e di San Marzano (Salerno), Anthropologia Contemporanea 16:345-350.
- Blakey, ML. 1991. Man and Nature: white and other. In (FV Harrison, ed) Decolonizing Anthropology Washington, DC: American Anthropological Association and Association of Black Anthropologists. 8-16.
- Blakey, ML, Coppa, A, Damadio, S, and Vargiu, R. 1990. Comparison of Dental Enamel Defects in Christian and Meroitic Populations at Geili, Central Sudan. International Journal of Anthropology 5:193-202.
- Blakey, ML. 1990. American Nationality and Ethnicity in the Depicted Past. In (P Gathercole and D Lowenthal, eds) London: Allen and Unwin. 38-48.
- Blakey, ML. 1988. Social Policy, Economics, and Demographic Change in Nanticoke-Moor Ethnohistory, American Journal of Physical Anthropology 75:493-502.
- Blakey, ML. 1987. Skull Doctors: intrinsic social and political bias in the history of American physical anthropology; with special reference to the work of Ales Hrdlicka, Critique of Anthropology 7:7-35.
- Blakey, ML and Armelagos, GJ. 1985. Deciduous Enamel Defects in Prehistoric Americans from Dickson Mounds: prenatal and postnatal stress, American Journal of Physical Anthropology 66:371-380.
- Blakey, ML. 1983. Sociopolitical Bias and Ideological Production in Historical Archaeology. In (JM Gero, DM Lacy, and ML Blakey, eds) The Socio-Politics of Archaeology Research Reports 23, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts. 5-16.



Blakey, ML. 1981. Hypoplasia and Hypocalcification in Deciduous Dentition from Dickson Mounds. In (D Martin and P Bumsted, eds) Biocultural Adaptation: Comprehensive Approaches to Skeletal Analysis. 24-32.

## **Books**

In-prep:

Blakey, ML Beyond the Blinding Light of Race: Race and Racism in Western Science and Society (in preparation, submitted and under review by Oxford University Press, February 2021).

In-print:

Blakey, ML and Rankin-Hill, LM, eds . 2009. The New York African Burial Ground: Unearthing the African Presence in Colonial New York, Vol. 1; Skeletal Biology of the New York African Burial Ground. Washington, DC: Howard University Press. Pp.567.  
Gero, JM, Lacy, DM and Blakey, ML, eds. 1983. The Socio-Politics of Archaeology. Amherst: Research Reports 23, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts.

## **Invited Scholarly Papers (sample of past 25 years)**

Blakey, ML 2021 Keynote Address (virtual), “Walking the Ancestors Home,” Ethical Futures for Curation, Research, and Training in Biological Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC (November 15-17).

Blakey, ML 2021 Keynote Lecture (virtual), “White World Archaeology and Black Lives,” Inter-Congress on Black Lives Matter, World Archaeological Congress (August 31).

Blakey, ML 2021 Participant in webinar panels of Wenner-Gren Foundation and Society of Black Archaeologists on Repatriation (300 viewers) and another under the same sponsorship “Skeletons in the Anthropological Closet:” Museum Collections and the Demand for Principles of Accountability, Part II (May 20).

Blakey, ML 2021 Lecture on “Archaeology Under the Blinding Light of Race,” for the IDEA (Intersectional Discussions for Ethical Archaeology), Archaeological Society and Graduate Archaeology, University of Oxford (virtual, Feb. 16).

Blakey, ML 2021 lecture and webinar discussion of “New York’s African Burial Ground: 30 Years Later” for the National Museum of African American History and Culture on (virtual, May 8, their 4<sup>th</sup> most popular presentation).

Blakey, ML 2021 Annual Lecture of the Anthropology Section of the New York Academy of Sciences on “African Diasporic Activist Anthropology and the Democratization of Knowledge” (virtual, Feb. 22).

Blakey, ML 2021 Distinguished Lecture on the Legacy of the African Burial Ground Project, Archaeology Section, New York Academy of Sciences New York, NY (February).

Blakey, ML 2020 Lectured on the international publication, “Archaeology Under the Blinding Light of Race,” Boston University (Nov. 18, 2020) and Exeter University (Dec. 3).

Blakey, ML 2020 Panelist, “Reclaiming the Ancestors: Indigenous and Black Perspectives on Repatriation, Human Rights, and Justice,” Zoom webinar sponsored by Wenner Gren Foundation, Society of Black Archaeologists, Sapiens, and others.

Blakey, ML 2020 (invited) Annual Jay Hall Lecture in Archaeology (cancelled for COVID-19), Queensland University, Brisbane, Australia.

Blakey, ML 2019a Panel Presentations, 50<sup>th</sup> Years of Engaging Anthropology Conference, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts-Amherst (October).

Blakey, ML 2019b “African Diasporic Founders of Biocultural Anthropology,” African Studies Association of Africa Conference, Nairobi, Kenya (October)

ML Blakey, Olanrewaju Lasisi and Jessica Bittner 2019c (Presenter and Symposium Organizer), “The Corporal Evidence of Northern Enslavement and its Challenges,” Current State of the Archaeology of Slavery, ASWAD, William & Mary (November, 6).

Blakey, ML Panelist, “Working Within Our Own Communities” Roundtable, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver (November 23).

Blakey, ML 2019 “Bioarchaeology at New York’s African Burial Ground as Activist Science,” Fifth Annual Sune Lindqvist Lecture, Uppsala Universitet, Uppsala, Sweden.

Blakey, ML 2018 “Archaeology Under the Blinding Light of Race,” Conference on Atlantic Slavery and the Modern World, Wenner-Gren Foundation, Sintra, Portugal (small expert panel, papers to be published in Current Anthropology)

Blakey, ML 2018 Festschrift for Larry Zimmerman, Society for American Archaeology, Washington, DC, April.

Blakey, ML 2017 New York’s African Burial Ground, Muscarelle Museum, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Black Students in Residence, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, November, 2017.

Blakey ML 2017 Engaged Anthropology is Better Science, Symposium on Beyond the African Burial Ground...” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November.

Blakey, ML 2017 Activist Scholarship and its Deceptive Shadow, Keynote, Annual Conference on Public Anthropology, American University, November.

Blakey, ML 2017 Now Imagine They Are Human, Center for African American Religion, NMAAHC, Smithsonian Institution, October.

Blakey, ML The New York African Burial Ground, Endowed Lecture, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, March 2017.

Panel Member, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the African Burial Ground, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, NY 9 November 2016

Blakey, ML 2016 Epistemology and Ethics of the African Burial Ground, Beyond the African Burial Ground I, symposium organized by ML Blakey, AR Barrett, and G. Turner, World Archaeological Congress, Kyoto, Japan, August.

Blakey, ML. 2016 Activist Anthropology and Race at the New York African Burial Ground, Harriet Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, Florida, 8 April 2016.

Blakey, ML 2016 The Blinding Light of Race, The New York African Burial Ground as Historical Biology, and Anthropological Reflections of the African Diaspora: How Might We Know Our Future in the symposium on Race, Racism, and the Construction of Black Modernities, IFAN/University Cheikh Anta Diop, West African Research Center, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture, Dakar, Senegal, 7-12 February.

Blakey, ML 2014 Moderator, panel on interpretation of slavery, St Mary's College, St Mary's City, Maryland 2 December.

Blakey, ML 2014 Distinguished Scholar Lectures on Historical Biology of the New York African Burial Ground and Race, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, November 24-25.

Blakey, ML 2014 Keynote on Homo reminiscens, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, 18 November.

Blakey, ML 2013 Epistemology and Ethics of an Activist Science at New York's African Burial Ground, Symposium on Archaeology and Politics, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT (November 2013).

Blakey, ML 2013 Setting the Stage for Understanding Ancestry of African Americans, The African Diaspora: Integrating Culture, Genomics and History Symposium, Baird Auditorium, National Museum of Natural History, SI (12 September)

Blakey, ML (2011-13) papers delivered at festschrift symposia for R. Brooke Thomas, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, 2011, Johnnetta B. Cole, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2012, and George J. Armelagos, American Association of Physical Anthropologists Annual Meeting, Knoxville, 2013.

Blakey, ML 2012 Human Variation and the Non-Existence of Race, Clemson University, (2012) and Norfolk State University, 1619 Conference Plenary (27 September 2013).

Blakey, ML 2012 Objeto, corpo e memoria social: representagoes passado afro-americanos, Annual Meeting of the Association of Brazilian Anthropologists, Sao Paulo, Brazil (4 July).

Blakey, ML 2012 New York's African Burial Ground: from National Secret to National Monument, public lectures at the Federal University-Goiania, and the National Museum, Rio de Janeiro.

Blakey, ML 2012 Un cemetiere africain a New York au XVIII siècle: du secret national au monument national, Archeologie de l'esclavage colonial, Muse quai Branly, Paris (May 11).

Blakey, ML 2010 Panel Presentation Commemorating 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Decolonizing Anthropology (Harrison 1990), American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans.

Blakey, ML 2010 Calling Us Out of Our Name, Newhouse Fellows Lecture, Wellesley College, Boston.

Blakey, ML 2010 African Burial Ground Clientage Model, Annual Public Anthropology Conference, American University, Washington, DC.

Blakey, ML 2010 A Question Regarding the Scope of Discussion, Symposium on The Origins of the African Diaspora in the Historic Triangle, College of William and Mary, 19 March.

Blakey, ML 2009 The New American Racism, Discussion on Race, Congressional Black Caucus forum in honor of 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jesse Jackson Presidential Campaign, 18 November, Longworth Congressional Office Building and Capitol Visitor Center, Washington, DC (C-SPAN).

Blakey, ML 2009 The New York African Burial Ground Project: Paradigm for Cooperation?, International Workshop on Heritage and Conflict, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Blakey, ML 2009 Egyptology and Race, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas

Blakey, ML 2009 New York's African Burial Ground: from National Secret to National Treasure, Archaeological Institute of America, Houston.

Blakey, ML 2008 Interpretation and Memorialization of the African Burial Ground National Monument (revised title), World Archaeological Congress, Dublin.

Blakey, ML 2008 Paper in Honor of Merrick Poznanski, Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver.

Blakey, ML 2008 The Idea of Race and the Nature Politic, address when awarded the Centennial Medal of the Graduate School, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

Blakey, ML 2007 The New York African Burial Ground: from National Secret to National Monument, First Frederick Scott Symposium Keynote Address, Johns Hopkins University; Miami University, Ohio.

Blakey, ML 2006, Biological Determinism as Ideology, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender, Bucknell University; Department of Africana Studies, Brandeis University.

Blakey, ML 2005 The New York African Burial Ground, Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota.

Blakey, ML, 2004 Epistemology and Ethics, Symposium on Multiple Narratives in Post-Colonial Archaeology, Society for American Archaeology Annual Meetings, Montreal.

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Advisor, Public Engagement, Architectural Planning Competition, Africatown, Mobile, AL (April 2019-).

Advisor, Angela Site, Jamestown Settlement, National Park Service, 2019.

Participant, Summit on Teaching About Slavery, James Madison's Montpelier, Orange, Virginia, 2018.

Advisor, Belmont Slave Cemetery Preservation, Leesburg, Virginia, 2017.

Advisor, Moses Cemetery Activism, Macedonia Baptist Church, Bethesda, Maryland, 2016-

Participant, Design process for Museum of Black Civilizations, Ministry of Culture, Dakar, Senegal, 2016.

Consultant, Public engagement process for James Madison's Montpelier, Orange, Virginia, 2014-

Consultant, East Marshall Street Well Project, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, 2012-2019.

Project Specialist for the National Park Service, African Burial Ground Interpretive Center Design/Build Project, New York, NY, 2006-2009.



Member, Scholarly Advisory Committee, National Museum of African American History and Culture, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC., 2005-

Member, Panel on Collaborative Anthropology, American Museum of Natural History, New York, 2008.

Member, Key Advisor Board, Race exhibition and website (understandingrace.org), American Anthropological Association, Minnesota Science Museum, Ford Foundation, and National Science Foundation., 2001-2007

Consultant, Permanent Exhibition on African-American History, Charles Wright Museum, Detroit, MI, 2003-4.

Consultant, African Voices Project, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, 1994-1997.

And others.

### **Editorial Boards**

Member, Editorial Board, American Antiquity, 2021-

Member, Editorial Board, American Anthropologist, 2012-2016

Member, Academic Advisory Board, Annual Editions, Physical Anthropology 2011-12

Member, Editorial Board, Reviews in Anthropology, 2009-.

Member, Editorial Board, Collaborative Anthropology, 2009-.

Member, Editorial Board, Collections: a journal for museum and archives professionals (2004- ).

Member, Editorial Board , International Journal of Cultural Property, 2004 -.

Member, Editorial Board, Critique of Anthropology, 1990-2000.

Member, Editorial Board, Medical Anthropology Quarterly, 1992-1994

### **Media Handling**

Blakey's projects have been subject of numerous documentary films, electronic and print news interviews (see Google). Press for 2020-21 includes:

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- *Popular Science*, Nov. 17, 2020. "In Louisiana's 'Cancer Alley,' a Black community battles an industry that threatens its health-and history: A proposed petrochemical complex from plastics giant Formosa could disrupt long- forgotten plantation graves."
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- *Virginia Gazette*, Dec. 7, 2020. “Burial remains uncovered at First Baptist Church site in Colonial Williamsburg.”
  - *CBS Sunday Morning*, Feb. 21, 2021. “GRAVESTONES: History behind the lost Columbian Harmony Cemetery.”
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  - *Virginia Gazette*, Feb. 23, 2021. “Human bone fragment identified at First Baptist Church archaeological dig site in Colonial Williamsburg.”
  - *Independent*, Feb. 23, 2021. “Human remains found during Virginia [Colonial Williamsburg] archeological dig.”
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  - *UVA Today*, Apr. 5, 2021. Detailed announcement of the official dedication activities for the UVA Memorial to the Enslaved, including discussion of descendant communities with such panelists as W&M’s Prof. Michael L. Blakey.
    - *The Cavalier Daily* (UVA), ran a similar announcement on Apr. 8, 2021.
  - *The Guardian*, Apr. 23, 2021. “Bones of Black children killed in police bombing used in Ivy League anthropology course.”
  - *MIT Technology Review*, Apr. 28, 2021. “How Technology Helped Archaeologists Did Deeper.” (Examples included NY African Burial Ground.)
  - *Sapiens*, May 2021. “Reclaiming the Ancestors: Indigenous and Black Perspectives on Repatriation, Human Rights & Justice.”
  - *The Georgetowner*, May 6, 2021. “NMAAHC Online Conversation: ”New York’s African Burial Ground: 30 Years Later.”
  - *The Japan Times*, June 20, 2021. “The race to save African-American cemeteries from being ‘erased’.”
  - *People’s World*, June 22, 2021. “Hundreds turn out Juneteenth to stop desecration of Black cemetery.”
  - *Richmond Times Dispatch*, September 13, 2021. “Hanover’s Historic Brown Grove Community Allowed to Search for Graves at the Planned Wegman’s Distribution Center Site.” By Patrick Wilson.

- *The New Yorker Magazine*, September 27, 2021. “When Black History is Unearthed, Who Gets to Speak for the Dead?” By Jill Lapore.